## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA



## **ORDER**

# IN THE MATTER OF AMENDMENT TO IOWA COURT RULE 25.3

By action of this court, Iowa Court Rule 25.3 is amended as shown in the attached document. The amendment to this rule shall take place effective immediately.

Dated this 27th day of Way, 2010.

THE SUPREME COURT OF IOWA

By Warsha Terrus

Marsha Ternus, Chief Justice

#### CHAPTER 25

### RULES FOR EXPANDED MEDIA COVERAGE

## Rule 25.3 Procedural.

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25.3(3) Objections. A party to a proceeding objecting to expanded media coverage under rule 25.2(2) shall file a written objection, stating the grounds therefor, at least three days before commencement of the proceeding. witnesses shall be advised by counsel proposing to introduce their testimony of their right to object to expanded media coverage, and all objections by witnesses under rule 25.2(3) shall be filed prior to commencement of the proceeding. Witnesses shall be entitled to the assistance of the clerk of the district court in providing copies of this objection to all counsel of record, parties appearing without counsel, the media coordinator for the judicial district, the district court administrator for the judicial district, and the judicial officer expected to preside in the proceeding. The objection forms in rule 25.5 are illustrative and not mandatory. All objections shall be heard and determined by the judge prior to the commencement of the proceedings. The judge may rule on the basis of the written objection alone. In addition, the objecting party or witness, and all other parties, may be afforded an opportunity to present additional evidence by affidavit or by such other means as the judge directs. The judge in absolute discretion may permit presentation of such evidence by the media coordinator in the same manner. Time for filing of objections may be extended or reduced in the discretion of the judge, who also, in appropriate circumstances, may extend the right of objection to persons not specifically provided for in this chapter.